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SUBJECT: MANILA PRESS CRITICIZES MACAPAGAL BOOK, "DEMOCRACY IN THE PHILIPPINES"

1. MANILA PRESS OF APRIL 23 CONTAINS TWO ATTACKS ON MACAPAGAL'S BOOK, "DEMOCRACY IN THE PHILIPPINES," WHICH HITHERTO IGNORED IN HIGHLY SELECTIVE LOCAL COVERAGE OF ASYLUM EXCAPADE.

2. ORIENT NEWS REPORTS SPEECH BY ASSOCIATE SUPREME COURT JUSTICE ANTONIO P. BARREDO CALLING BOOD "PURE CANARD AND THE ACME OF IRRESPONSIBILITY." BARREDO REPORTEDLY SAID, "THE RIGHT TO CRITICIZE THE PRESIDENT, HIS FAMILY, HIS POLICIES AND INTENTIONS WAS CURTAILED (SIC) BY THE EMERGENCE OF MACAPAGAL'S BOOK." YET, ACCORDING BARREDO, DESPITE ITS MONSTROUS DISTORTIONS GOP HAS TAKEN NO STEPS TO STOP DISTRIBUTION OR PROSECUTE AUTHOR OR PUBLISHER.

3. DAILY EXPRESS COLUMNIST VALENCIA URGES READERS TO "TRY TO GET A COPY AND READ" POORLY WRITTEN, BITTER AND PARTLY INCOHERENT BOOK WHICH HE SAYS READS VERY MUCH LIKE THE MACAPAGAL OF THE MARCOS-MACAPAGAL CAMPAIGN OF 1965.

"IF YOU READ THE BOOK AND PUT YOURSELF IN THE AUTHOR'S SHOES YOU MIGHT THINK YOU COULD GET ARRESTED. NOT HE.

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THE PRESIDENT WOULD NEVER GIVE HIM BELLIGERENCE BECAUSE

THE PRESIDENT KNOWS HIM."

4. VALENCIA CONTINUES, "THE MOST CRUEL PUNISHMENT PRESIDENT MARCOS METED OUT TO FORMER PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL WAS TO IGNORE HIM. NOW, HE IS FREE TO PLAY GOLF, MOVE ABOUT AS HE PLEASES AND TALK TO WHOMEVER HE PLEASES. HE'S A FREE MAN IN EVERY SENSE OF THE WORD. NO WONDER THE UNITED STATES DECIDED NOT TO GIVE HIM ASYLUM AGAINST HIS OWN FEARS."

5. COMMENT: IMMEDIATELY AFTER ASYLUM ATTEMPT, PEOPLE WERE INTENSELY CURIOUS ABOUT MACAPAGAL EPISODE BUT INTEREST HAS WANED, ESPECIALLY SINCE IT BECAME GENERALLY KNOWN HE IS ALIVE, WELL AND NOT ARRESTED. THE BOOK SEEMS TO BE ATTRACTING LITTLE ATTENTION AND (PERHAPS BECAUSE MACAPAGAL MOTIVES SUSPECT TO MANY REGIME CRITICS) IT IS NOT BEING TAKEN AS SERIOUSLY AS EARLIER BROADSIDES AUTHORIZED BY SENATOR SALONGA AND CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION. ALSO, COPIES OF MACAPAGAL BOOK ARE VERY SCARCE AND FEW HAVE SEEN IT. CURRENT PUBLICITY MAY STIR SOME ADDITIONAL INTEREST. SULLIVAN

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